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I stand in opposition to the proposed settlement between the DOJ and Microsoft. I believe the settlement is far too lenient, and will in no way act as a deterrent to current and future anticompetitive practices by Microsoft.

As a college student pursuing a degree in Computer Engineering, I shudder to think that in a few short years, I may very well enter a job market dominated by a single company. A company that controls what type of hardware I'll be developing for. A company that controls what type of software I use. A company that dictates what standards I can (theirs) and cannot (open standards) use. A company trying to control the freedom of the Internet revolution. A company that will have squandered out all but the last faint flickers of competition. A company not unlike IBM once was.

Rather than fumbling around trying to express the exact reasons for my discontent with the proposed settlement, I would like to voice my support for a man whom I think has already said it best. Dan Kegel has put together a very detailed and extensive list of the problems with the current settlement, and I agree with him 100 percent. The document to which I am referring is located at: <http://www.kegel.com/remedy/remedy2.html>

Sincerely,

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